Nevada Department of Taxation

Instructions for Commerce Tax Return for the taxable year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

General instructions

Purpose of the form

Use the Commerce Tax Return form to report the gross revenue from engaging in business in Nevada and deductions of a business entity to arrive at the amount of Nevada Commerce Tax due or to declare that the gross revenue of your business entity from engaging in business in Nevada did not exceed \$4,000,000 for the taxable year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Who must file

Each business entity, including sole proprietorships, engaged in business in Nevada, unless specifically excluded by Commerce Tax law (NRS 363C), has to file a Commerce Tax return. The Commerce Tax return must be filed even if there is no tax liability due.

Certain entities are exempt by law from the filing requirement - see Commerce Tax law for complete list. Examples of exempt entities are:

Natural person, unless such person is engaged in a business and files Schedule C, E (Part 1) or F with the federal tax return;

- Governmental entity;
- Non-profit organizations pursuant to section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- Business entity organized pursuant to NRS 82 or NRS 84;
- Credit Union;
- Estate of a natural person, excluding an estate taxable as a business entity for federal tax purposes;
- Certain non-business trusts and certain Real Estate Investment Trusts;
- Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit;
- Passive entity;
- Entity that solely manages intangible investments;
- Entity participating in exhibition in Nevada and is not required to obtain a business license pursuant to NRS 360.780.

Simplified reporting for business entities with the gross revenue from engaging in business in Nevada under \$4,000,000

A business entity with the gross revenue from engaging in business in Nevada under \$4,000,000 during the taxable year shall utilize a simplified reporting method. The simplified reporting method allows you to omit the amounts on lines 1 through 35 on the return. If the simplified method is used, check the "under \$4,000,000 declaration" box and complete all fields after line 35, including the "certification of the return" box.

Taxable year

The taxable year is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. If the business entity ceases to exist before the end of the taxable year, input the date the entity ceased to exist in the second box of line "For the taxable year... through". The box "Final return" should also be checked.

When to file

The Commerce Tax return can be filed between July 1, 2016 and August 15, 2016.

Where to file

Return can be filed electronically or on a hard copy.

- 1. To file electronically, go to: https://www.nevadatax.nv.gov/#
- 2. To mail a hard copy, use one of the addresses below:

Commerce Tax returns with payment

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION ATTN COMMERCE TAX REMITTANCE PO BOX 51180 LOS ANGELES CA 90051-5480

Commerce Tax returns with no payment

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION ATTN COMMERCE TAX NONREMITTANCE PO BOX 51133 LOS ANGELES CA 90051-5433

Accounting method

The accounting method for the purposes of determining the amount of the Commerce Tax must be the same as the method used for federal income tax purposes.

The reported amounts can be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amounts. If you do round to whole dollars, you must round all amounts.

Recordkeeping

Each person responsible for maintaining the records of a business entity shall:

- Keep such records as may be necessary to determine the amount of the liability of the business entity for Commerce Tax.
- Preserve those records for 4 years from the date the Commerce Tax return is filed or Commerce Tax liability is paid or until any litigation or prosecution pursuant to Commerce Tax law is finally determined, whichever is longer; and
- Make the records available for inspection by the Department upon demand at reasonable times during regular business hours.

Amended return

If the original return filed is based on estimates, or if, after filing the return, you discover an error with the reported NAICS code category, or revenue, or deduction(s), you should file an amended return. If you amend the return, check the box "Amended return".

Extension to file

If you have good cause, no penalties or late charge will be imposed for failure to pay the Commerce Tax before February 15, 2017. The Department will waive penalty and interest on your unpaid/ underpaid amount. To obtain this waiver you will have to demonstrate that the failure occurred despite ordinary care you exercised and it was not intentional or the result of willful neglect.

Who must sign

The return must be signed by the business entity's authorized representative under penalty of perjury; the "certification of the return" box shall be checked. Enter the name, title, and the contact phone number of the authorized representative.

NAICS code category

The NAICS code category is selected on the first return the business entity files. Use the North American Industry Classification System website to determine your NAICS code: http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/. If your business is engaged in multiple business activities, the NAICS category code is based on the category in which the highest percentage of Nevada gross revenue is generated. Use the first two or three digits of your NAICS code to locate your NAICS code category in the NAICS code categories/Tax rates chart on page 7 of the Instructions.

Once the NAICS code category is selected, it may be changed only upon obtaining permission from the Department. Refer to Commerce Tax Regulations for more details.

Use of estimates

For the calculation of the uncompensated care amounts refer to the Commerce Tax Regulations.

If you rely on the most recent federal income tax return for the calculation of revenue for Commerce Tax, check the box "Estimates used". However, you will have to file an amended return, once the true amounts become available.

Alternative situsing method

If the situsing rules of Commerce Tax Law or Commerce Tax Regulations do not fairly represent the extent of the business conducted in Nevada, the business entity may utilize an alternative method of situsing. The alternative method should be reasonable, consistent, uniformly applied and supported by the records.

Check the box "Alternative situsing method", if you used an alternative method to situs the revenue.

Revenue

Do not include in revenue:

- Cash discounts taken by customers
- Value of complimentary goods or services provided to customers
- Value of property or services donated to a nonprofit organization that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to IRC §501(c)(3)
- Amounts indirectly realized from a reduction of an expense or deduction
- Interest or dividends received, except for the interest on credit sales or from loans to customers (see instructions for line 4)
- Distributions from corporations, including S-corporations, and distributive or proportionate share of receipts and income from partnerships or LLCs
- Revenue from hedging transactions as defined by IRC §1221 or FAS No.133, unless the title to real or tangible personal property is transferred in such transactions
- Revenue received from another member of an affiliated group (50% or more direct or indirect ownership, control or possession of a business entity)
- Proceeds attributable to the repayment, maturity or redemption of the principal of a loan, bond, mutual fund, certificate of deposit or marketable instrument
- The principal amount received under a repurchase agreement or on account of any transaction characterized as a loan.
- Proceeds from the issuance of the business entity's own stock, options, warrants, puts or calls, from the sale of the treasury stock
- Contributions to a corporation or a partnership (IRC §118 and §721)
- Amounts realized in corporate liquidations (IRC §331 and §336)
- Amounts realized from liquidation of subsidiaries by a corporation (IRC §332 and §337)
- Amounts realized from certain corporate acquisitions (IRC §338)
- Amounts realized from transfer of assets to a corporation in exchange for stock (IRC §351)
- Amounts realized from corporate modifications and reorganizations (IRC §355 and §368)
- Distributions from a partnership (IRC §731)
- Amounts realized in like-kind exchanges (IRC §1031)
- Amounts realized from the sale of an account receivable
- Amounts realized from the sale, exchange, disposition or other grant of the right to use trademarks, trade names, patents, copyrights and similar intellectual property
- Receipts from sale, exchange or other disposition of the capital and business assets (IRC§ 1221 and 1231)
- Amounts realized from involuntary conversions (IRC §1033)
- Insurance policy proceeds, except for the proceeds received for the loss of business revenue (see instructions for line 6)
- Damages received as a result of litigation, except for the damages received for loss of business income (see instructions for line 5)
- Revenue that is not subject to tax pursuant to the Constitution or laws of the United States or the Nevada Constitution
- Amounts that are not considered revenue under generally accepted accounting principles.

Deductions

Deductions are limited to those specifically stated in the Commerce Tax law and allowed to the extent they are included in the gross revenue.

Line-by-line instructions:

LINE #	INSTRUCTIONS	EXAMPLES		
Line 1	Sale of inventory			
	Include sitused to Nevada revenue from the sale of inventory. Inventory is property held for sale in the ordinary course of business. It may consist of tangible property, real property, securities, etc. Situsing: Tangible personal property: if the property is delivered or shipped to a buyer in Nevada, the revenue from sale of such property is sitused to Nevada, regardless of the F.O.B. point or any other condition of sale. Real property: if real property is located in Nevada, revenue from sale of such real property is sitused to Nevada. All other inventory: the situsing is based on the physical location of the purchaser, or an alternative	Example: Barbary Coats, Inc. sells raincoats at their Las Vegas store and through the company's website. For the year they generated \$4,800,000 in sales. Out of state sales consisted of the following: • Oregon Sales \$2,200,000 • Washington Sales \$2,500,000 Total Sales \$ 4,800,000 - Oregon Sales \$2,200,000 - Washington Sales \$2,500,000 = Sitused to Nevada Gross Revenue \$ 100,000.		
	method can be used.			
Line 2	Service performance			
	 Include sitused to Nevada revenue from the performance of services. Situsing: Transportation: revenue is sitused to Nevada when both origin and destination of the trip are located in Nevada. All other services: in general, the situsing is based on the location of purchaser's use or benefit from service. For specific situsing rules for different types of services refer to the Commerce Tax regulations. 	Example: Beagle, Inc. is a mobile dog groomer located in Mesquite, NV. Several times a month the owner travels to St. George, UT to provide services at the customers' homes. The company has \$27,000 in total revenue, \$12,000 of which was earned on the trips to Utah. Total Service Revenue \$ 27,000 - Revenue from Utah customers \$12,000 = Sitused to Nevada Gross Revenue \$ 15,000.		
Line 3	Rents, royalties and leases			
	 Include sitused to Nevada revenue from rents, subrents, royalties, leases and subleases. Situsing: Real property: if real property is located in Nevada, revenue from rents and royalties is sitused to Nevada. Tangible personal property: if rent or subrent, lease or sublease of tangible personal property is deemed to take place in Nevada, the revenue from such rent, or subrent, lease, or sublease is sitused to Nevada (see NRS 360B.365, 360B.370 or 360B.375). 	Example: Tahoe Rentals, Inc. is located in Carson City, NV. It rents paving equipment to one of their customers. The customer uses Tahoe's equipment to pave a stretch of road in Truckee, CA. Tahoe Rentals receives \$4,500,000 for the equipment rental during the year. Total Rental Revenue \$ 4,500,000 - Property used in CA \$4,500,000 = Sitused to Nevada Gross Revenue \$0.		
Line 4	Interest income from credit sales and loans			
	Include sitused to Nevada interest income from credit sales and loans. The situsing is based on the location of purchaser's use or benefit from service, or an alternative method can be used.	Example: Best rates, LLC is located in Long Beach, CA. It makes car loans to customers in California and Nevada. During the year the total interest revenue on the loans equaled to \$10,000,000, including \$5,000,000 from Nevada customers. Hence, \$5,000,000 is sitused to Nevada.		
Line 5	Damages received from litigation for loss of business in			
	Include sitused to Nevada damages received as a result of litigation for loss of business income. Situsing is based on the type of business activity from which the revenue would be otherwise generated. See situsing rules for lines 1-4.	Example: Burgers, Inc., a Nevada restaurant, sues Bernie's Grills, Inc. for selling defective equipment. Burgers, Inc. wins the case and is awarded \$1,000,000 for the cost of the defective equipment and \$2,000,000 for the loss of business income. The damages for the loss of business income in the amount of \$2,000,000 are includable in gross revenue.		

Line 6	Insurance proceeds for loss of business income	
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	Include insurance proceeds received for the loss of	Example:
	business revenue.	Tony, a sole proprietor and a Nevada resident, is unable to
	Situsing: if the business entity is located in Nevada, the	run his business due to a short term disability. The
	insurance proceeds for loss of its business revenue are	insurance company pays him out on his business
	sitused to Nevada.	interruption insurance policy \$350,000. This amount is
		includable in gross revenue.
Line 7	Forgiven debt	
	Include debt transferred or forgiven as consideration. Do	Example:
	not include discharge of indebtedness as a result of a	Swift&Smart, Inc. decides not to pay its business credit
	bankruptcy proceeding.	card debt of \$50,000. Because this corporation does not
	Situsing: if the business entity is located in Nevada,	have any valuable assets and due to the cost of litigation,
	forgiven debt is sitused to Nevada.	the bank does not pursue to bankrupt it, but rejects
	3	Swift&Smart, Inc. as a client and sends the form 1099-C.
		The amount of cancelled debt is includable in gross
		revenue.
Line 8	Other revenue	Totolido
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	Nevada not otherwise included in the above amounts but	
		Cost of uncompensated care previously deducted on the
	subject to the Commerce Tax. Provide a description in the	Commerce Tax return for which payment was later
1:	designated field.	received by the healthcare provider.
Line 9	Total Gross Revenue	
	Add lines 1 through 8 and input sum on line 9.	
Line 10	Less \$4,000,000 Threshold	
	No data input needed	
Line 11	Adjusted Gross Revenue	
	Subtract \$4,000,000 from line 9:	
	If the result is zero or less, input zero on line 11, go to	
	line 29 and input zero.	
	If the result is more than zero, continue on line 12.	
Line 12	Returns and refunds to customers	
	Deduct the amount of returns and refunds to customers.	
Line 13	Bad debts	
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Line 16	Reimbursement of certain expenses and advances from	clients
Line 10	Deduct reimbursements for advances made by your	Example:
	business on behalf of clients, other than with respect to services rendered or goods purchased in ordinary course of business, including legal service expenses specific to claimant, other than general operating expenses.	Nevada Law Firm, LLP made an advance payment on behalf of a client to a forensic accounting firm for a calculation of damages for a settlement. The amount of the client's reimbursement is deductible by Nevada Law Firm, LLP to the extent it is included in the reported gross revenue.
Line 17	Taxes collected from 3 rd party and remitted to taxing aut	
	Deduct taxes collected from customers and remitted to a taxing authority. Only taxes imposed on a customer are deductible. Taxes imposed on your business are not deductible.	Examples: 1. Per NRS 370.077, the Nevada Cigarette taxes are direct taxes imposed on the consumer and although they are precollected and added to the selling price of the cigarettes, they are deductible to the extent the amount is included in the gross revenue from sale of inventory. 2. The Nevada sales tax charged to your customers is also deductible to the extent it is included in Gross revenue.
Line 18	Other deductions	
	Deduct any other amounts not listed as deductions on lines 12 through 25, but allowed by Commerce Tax law, to the extent they are included in revenue. Provide a description in the designated field.	Example: Tax basis of securities and loans sold, if your business sells such securities in the course of its ordinary business.
Line 19	Employee leasing deduction	
	If your business is an employee leasing company, deduct wages, payroll taxes on those wages, employee and worker's compensation benefits received from your clients for the leased employees.	
Line 20	Gaming deduction	
	If your business is required to pay a Nevada monthly gaming license fee per NRS 463.370, deduct the gross receipts used to determine that fee.	
Line 21	Health care provider deduction	
	 If your business is a health care provider, deduct the cost of uncompensated care and the amounts received: from Medicaid, Medicare, the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Fund for Hospital Care to Indigent Person per NRS 428.175 or TRICARE; for worker's compensation claim services; For cost of uncompensated care calculation methods refer to the Commerce Tax regulations. If your business is a health care institution, only 50% of the amounts above are deductible. 	
Line 22	Insurance deduction If your business is an insurance company, deduct:	
	 Income derived from direct premiums written and all other consideration for insurance, bail, or annuity reported for Nevada insurance premium tax per NRS 680B; The amounts excluded from income derived from direct premiums per NRS 680B.025, such as: Premiums on life insurance policies/annuity contracts issued in connection with the funding of a pension, annuity or qualified profit-sharing plan; Payments received pursuant to section 1876 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §1395mm; Gross premiums upon policies on risks located in Nevada by a factory mutual and amounts deducted from such gross premiums to determine the amount of tax per NRS 680B.027 and NRS 680B.033; Net direct premium tax per NRS 694C.450; 	
	Premiums reported for Nevada tax on surplus lines per NRS 685A.180.	

Line 23	Liquor tax deduction	
	If your business is required to pay the excise tax per NRS	
	369, deduct the amount of tax paid pursuant to that	
	chapter.	
Line 24	Mining deduction	
	If your business is required to pay the tax per NRS 362,	
	deduct the amount of gross proceeds used to determine	
	the amount of the tax pursuant to that chapter.	
Line 25	US Armed Forces housing deduction	
	If your business operates a housing facility for members of	
	the US Armed Forces and the facility is located on property	
	owned or leased by the Federal government, deduct the	
	revenue received from operation of such facility. The	
	amounts are deductible to the extent they are included in	
	reported gross revenue.	
Line 26	Total Deductions	
	Add lines 12 through 25 and input the sum on line 26.	
Line 27	Nevada Taxable Revenue	
	Subtract line 26 from line 11 and input the result on line 27.	
Line 28	Tax rate per NAICS code	
	Determine your tax rate per NAICS code category (see	
	NAICS code categories /Tax rates chart on page 7) and	
	input on line 28.	
Line 29	Commerce Tax due	
	Multiply line 27 and 28 and input the result on line 29.	
Line 30	Plus penalty	
	If you filed your tax return late and did not apply for an	
	extension, calculate the penalty using the worksheet on	
	page 8 of the Instructions and input on line 30.	
Line 31	Plus interest	
	If you had a Commerce Tax liability and did not pay it by	
	the due date, calculate the interest using the worksheet on	
1100	page 8 and input on line 31.	
Line 32	Plus liability established by Department	
	Enter any amount due for prior reporting periods for which	
	you have received a delinquency notice from the Department of Taxation.	
Line 33	Less credit(s) approved by Department	
Lille 33	Enter amount due to you for overpayment made in prior	
	reporting periods for which you have received a credit	
	notice from the Department of Taxation. Do not take the	
	credit if you have applied for a refund.	
	NOTE: Only credits established by the Department may be	
	used.	
Line 34	Total amount due and payable	
	Add lines 29 through 32 and subtract line 33, input the	
	result on line 34.	
Line 35	Amount remitted with the return	
	Enter the total amount paid with this return.	
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NAICS code categories/Tax rates chart

Business category	NAICS code category	Tax rate %	Multiply by
agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting	11	0.063%	0.00063
mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction	21	0.051%	0.00051
utilities	22	0.136%	0.00136
construction	23	0.083%	0.00083
manufacturing	31, 32, 33	0.091%	0.00091
wholesale trade	42	0.101%	0.00101
retail trade	44, 45	0.111%	0.00111
air transportation	481	0.058%	0.00058
truck transportation	484	0.202%	0.00202
rail transportation	482	0.331%	0.00331
other transportation	483, 485, 486, 487, 488, 491, 492	0.129%	0.00129
warehousing and storage	493	0.128%	0.00128
publishing, software and data processing	511, 512, 515, 518	0.253%	0.00253
telecommunications	517	0.136%	0.00136
finance and insurance	52	0.111%	0.00111
real estate and rental and leasing	53	0.250%	0.00250
professional, scientific and technical services	54	0.181%	0.00181
management of companies and enterprises	55	0.137%	0.00137
administrative and support services	561	0.154%	0.00154
waste management and remediation services	562	0.261%	0.00261
educational services	61	0.281%	0.00281
health care and social assistance	62	0.190%	0.00190
arts, entertainment and recreation	71	0.240%	0.00240
accommodation	721	0.200%	0.00200
food services and drinking places	722	0.194%	0.00194
other services	81	0.142%	0.00142
unclassified	519, 92	0.128%	0.00128

Instruction for using the NAICS code category/Tax rate chart information:

- 1. If your NAICS code category contains two digits, put zero as the first digit in the "Business Entity NAICS code category" field on the commerce tax return.
- 2. Enter tax rate in a decimal format ("Multiply by" column in the table above) in the "Tax rate per NAICS code category" field on the Commerce Tax return.

Additional resources:

The Department's website for Commerce Tax: http://tax.nv.gov/WelcometoCOM/ Text of Commerce Tax law (NRS 363C): https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/NRS-363C.html Text of Commerce Tax Regulations: http://tax.nv.gov/Commerce/StatutesRegulations/

NRS search: http://search.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS.html

Contact

For general questions please call the Call Center at 1(866) 962-3707 or e-mail to the Commerce Tax Team: comtax@tax.state.nv.us. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday: 8:00am to 5:00pm Pacific Standard Time.

Interest and penalties worksheet

Penalty charge: If the Commerce Tax return is not submitted/postmarked and taxes are not paid on or before the due date, the amount of penalty due is based on the number of days the payment is late per NAC 360.395 (see table below). The maximum penalty amount is 10%.

Number of days late	Penalty Percentage	Multiply by
1-10	2%	0.02
11-15	4%	0.04
16-20	6%	0.06
21-30	8%	0.08
31+	10%	0.10

Example: the Commerce Tax was due August 15, 2016, but not paid until August 30, 2016. The number of days late is 15 so the penalty is 4%.

Penalty calculation:

Using the calendar, determine the number of days the payment is late:_____

Determine the appropriate penalty rate from the table above:

Commerce Tax due (Line 29): _____ multiplied by rate = _____ Enter the result on line 30.

Interest calculation:

Commerce Tax due (Line 29): ____ multiplied by 0.75% ____ multiplied by number of months late = ____ Enter the result on line 31.

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